

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application:

Listing of Claims:

1 – 12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) A method of treating neuralgia pain, also known as neuropathic pain, in a mammal, including a human, ~~pain which is accompanied by an increase in muscle tone,~~ comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a combination of flupirtine or a therapeutically utilizable salt thereof with a sodium channel-inhibiting or -influencing substance.

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 13, wherein the sodium channel-inhibiting or -influencing substance is tolperisone or an analog thereof.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 13, where the sodium channel-inhibiting or -influencing substance is selected from eperisone, silperisone, riluzole, propafenone, lidocaine, flecainide, metixen, or their pharmaceutically utilizable salts.

16. (currently amended) The ~~use as claimed in~~ method of claim 13, wherein the sodium channel-inhibiting or -influencing substances employed are tolperisone or its analogs, such as eperisone or silperisone, or their pharmaceutically utilizable salts.

17 – 24 (withdrawn)

25. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~42~~ 13, wherein said sodium channel-inhibiting or -influencing substance or therapeutically utilizable salt thereof is administered simultaneously with flupirtine or a therapeutically utilizable salt thereof.

26. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~42~~ 13, wherein flupirtine, or a therapeutically utilizable salt thereof, and said sodium channel-inhibiting or -influencing substance, or a therapeutically utilizable salt thereof are administered separately or consecutively with flupirtine.